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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Artificial Intelligence | Technology | Automotive |
Entertainment and Media | Life Sciences

EXPERTISE

Corporate Law | Private Equity | Startup,
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital |
Corporate Governance | Mergers & Acquisitions

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2018

New York, 2013

EDUCATION

- LL.B. and B.C.L., McGill Faculty of Law, 2013
- Canadian Securities Course, 2011
- B.A. (Honours), Saint Mary's University, 2009

Kirk advises clients on M&A, corporate finance, governance, and other significant corporate and commercial matters in Canada and abroad. He counsels publicly traded and privately held companies in diverse industries, particularly technology and other innovative areas, and private equity sponsors and venture

capital firms.

Kirk uses his deep understanding of his clients and their industries to relentlessly promote their interests. He is a frequent public speaker and writer on topics including innovation and law. He is on the advisory board of an artificial intelligence software company based in the US and was previously the Executive Vice-President of Legal & Business Development at a technology unicorn. Kirk is recommended as a leading lawyer in Canada in M&A in *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory – Mergers & Acquisitions, 2025*

Thought leadership

- Author, *The Rise of AI in M&A Transactions, AI and the Law Guide*, March 20, 2025
- Moderator, *Securing Digital Assets: Building Trust Through Enhanced Cyber Investigation*, Canadian Blockchain Consortium, Summit, November 28, 2024
- Speaker, *Web 3 – The Legal Landscape*, Metaverse Toronto Summit, April 9, 2024
- Moderator, *Navigating the Liquid Staking Landscape: Legal and Industry Perspectives*, Canadian Blockchain Consortium, Summit, November 30, 2023
- Co-author, *The Intersection of Blockchain Technology and Carbon Markets*, Communiques, August 15, 2023
- Author, *Blockchain Law: Anatomy of Staking Contracts*, April 25, 2023
- Speaker, *Blockchain and Digital Asset Fundamentals*, Canadian Association of Alternative Strategies and Assets, Superweek 2022, September 27, 2022

Community roles

- Councillor, Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, 2015 – 2017
- Ambassador, McGill University Faculty of Law, 2011 – 2012
- Director & McGill University Faculty of Law Representative, Confederation of Civil Law Student Associations, 2010 – 2011
- Co-President, McGill Business Law Association, 2010 – 2011
- Associate Managing Editor, McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law, 2010 – 2011
- Vice-President (External), McGill Law Students' Association, 2010 – 2011
- Councillor & McGill University Faculty of Law Representative, Student Society of McGill University, 2010 – 2011

Corporate directorships

- Member, Board of Advisors of Draftchain.AI

Memberships & affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association
- American Bar Association